

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Amber Wilson on her award-winning short story, "Mean Old North Wind."

WHEREAS, this body deems it appropriate to honor Miss Amber Wilson, a fourth grader at Eaton Elementary School and an outstanding young person with enormous talents, who is only beginning to realize her incredible potential as she surges into her hopeful future; and

WHEREAS, touted as a young Flannery O'Connor, Amber recently won first place in the General Federation of Women's Club Suburbia Woman's Club short story contest with her imaginative manuscript, "Mean Old North Wind"; and

WHEREAS, Amber's ascension began as she placed first in District II, after which she went on to state and national finals, and eventually received the National First Place Award of Merit for her age group; and

WHEREAS, inspired by long-admired writers, Beverly Cleary and Gertrude Chandler Warner, Amber's creative abilities and poetic imagination allow her to communicate as few others can; and

WHEREAS, an avid reader and gifted writer, Amber has already mastered skills that will greatly benefit her as she continues her educational journey and her aspiration to become a veterinarian; and

WHEREAS, Amber's excellence has been recognized by many, as she has been in demand to read her award-winning short story at various meetings and programs; and

WHEREAS, she has made her parents, Jo and Ken Wilson, her family and the community very proud; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of our state should honor the achievements of our talented young citizens and encourage them to utilize their gifts to the fullest; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate Miss Amber Wilson upon receipt of the National First Place Award of Merit from the Suburbia Woman's Club for her original short story, "Mean Old North Wind".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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